

S-255  
Rehobeth Survey District  
Rehobeth  
public and private

Eighteenth and  
Nineteenth centuries

Rehobeth is a significant river-side village due to its early formation and long-standing use as a local port or shipping point. The two most important buildings, the Rehobeth Presbyterian Church (1706) and the Coventry Parish Ruins (1784-1788) are the most notable structures. The houses and only store building date to the mid to late nineteenth century.

Rehobeth takes its name from the tract of land patented to Colonel William Stevens in the third quarter of the seventeenth century called "Rehoboth," meaning, "there is room." The village of "Rehoboth" was officially created by a 1683 act of Maryland Assembly for the,

"encouragement of towns and points of entry for shipment of tobacco and other exports as well as the importation of goods from distant places."

With its deep channel, the Pocomoke River provided "Rehoboth" with an enviable deep-water port for larger draft ships. Boat traffic continued through the eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth centuries until the steamboats discontinued service after World War I.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-255

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rehoboth

and/or common Rehobeth Survey District

## 2. Location

street & number S. South Side of MD 667 ☐ not for publication

city, town Rehobeth ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Various owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Rehobeth, Maryland (formerly spelled Rehoboth) is located on the west bank of the Pocomoke River and just South of MD Route 667 between Hudson's Corner and US Route 13. The small river-side village contains a dozen dwellings, the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church (S-71), and the ruins of Coventry Parish Church (S-70). A boat landing on the Pocomoke River is located at the end of the main and only road which passes through the village.

Aside from the two 18th-century brick church structures, all other buildings appear to date from the second, third, and fourth quarters of the 19th century or the early 20th century. The handful of 19th-century houses and one store building are frame structures covered with a variety of sheathings that range from wood shingles to asbestos or aluminum. Each building occupies a medium-sized street-front lot and stands several yards back from the edge of the road.

Aside from the two historic churches, one of the more interesting buildings is the Adams Store, a single-story gable-front frame structure covered in wood shingles. A shed porch entrance covers a large part of the store front which is distinguished by large glass display windows. Six over six sash windows are located to the east and west sides, while a small addition extends to the rear (south).

Standing next door (west side) to the store is a two-story gable-front frame house also sheathed with wood shingles and covered by a medium sloped asphalt-tile roof. The first floor is completely covered by a glassed-in front porch. The earlier windows sash have been replaced with single-pane sash windows.

The other houses in the village follow similar patterns or slightly different 19th and 20th century forms. For more information on the two churches, see the individual forms.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Rehobeth is a significant river-side village due to its early formation and long-standing use as a local port or shipping point. The two most significant buildings, the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church and the Coventry Parish Ruins are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its long history and 17th and 18th-century occupation make it an extremely significant archaeological site.

### History and Support

Rehobeth takes its name from the tract of land patented to Colonel William Stevens in the third quarter of the 17th century called "Rehoboth." The town of "Rehoboth" was officially created by a 1683 act of Maryland Assembly for the "encouragement of towns and points of entry for shipment of tobacco and other exports as well as the importation of goods from distant places." With its deep channel, the Pocomoke River provided "Rehoboth" with an enviable deep-water port for larger draft ships. Boat traffic continued through the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries until the steamboats discontinued service after World War I. Since World War I, little has changed in this small Somerset County village.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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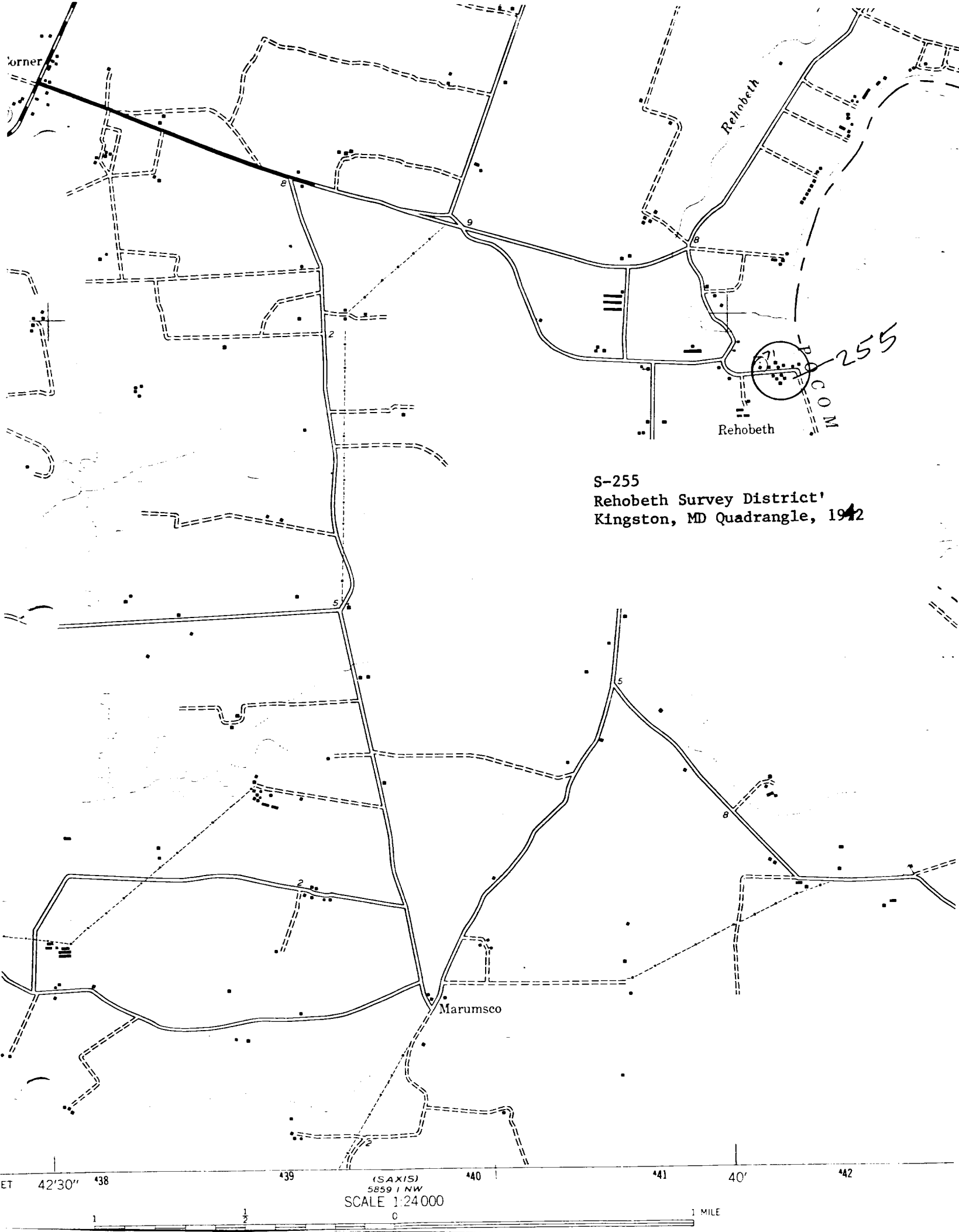
city or town Princess Anne

state MD 21853

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Adams Store

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